

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 160

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the outstanding work of the Boys and Girls Clubs in Tennessee and its 2013 Youth of the Year candidates.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs (BGC) Tennessee Alliance is to enable young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs Tennessee Alliance is comprised of twenty-one organizations with seventy-five facilities across the state, serving 59,600 members annually; and

WHEREAS, established in 1947, the Youth of the Year is the Boys and Girls Clubs' premier recognition program for club members, promoting service to club, community, and family; academic success; strong moral character; life goals; and poise and public speaking ability; and

WHEREAS, the program is most effective when used as a year-round tool for fostering the young people's character, personal growth, and leadership qualities. The club recognizes members ages fourteen to eighteen as Youth of the Month winners and a Youth of the Year, who then participates in state competitions; and

WHEREAS, state winners each receive a \$1,000 scholarship and participate in regional competitions. Five regional winners each receive a \$10,000 scholarship and compete on the national level. The National Youth of the Year receives up to an additional \$50,000 scholarship and is installed by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 candidates for the Youth of the Year program in Tennessee are outstanding representatives of the Boys and Girls Club experience and its impact on children and youth in the state; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Youth of the Year candidates deserve recognition for their accomplishments; they are as follows: Chelsea Corder, BGC of Rutherford County (Murfreesboro); Tyler Harrison, BGC of Maury County (Columbia); Ashley Heatherly BGC of Smoky Mountains (Sevierville); Leslie Summitt, BGC of the Monroe Area (Madisonville); Kendra Fisher, BGC of Jackson; Brandon Flynn, BGC of Middle Tennessee (Nashville); Katelynn Lemarr, BGC of Tennessee Valley (Knoxville); Meeri Shin, BGC of Cleveland; Whitney Andes, BGC of Elizabethton; Gabriella Madison, BGC of Morristown; Miriam Mount, BGC of Greater Kingsport; Kyra White, BGC of Greeneville/Greene County; Madison Morton, BGC of Johnson City; Jazmyne Maddox, BGC of Clinch Valley (Oak Ridge); Derelle Roshell, BGC of Chattanooga; Whitney Moore, BGC of Dumplin Valley (Jefferson City); Tavina Malone, BGC of Greater Memphis; and Shannon Wiggins, BGC of Northwest Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tennessee, commend the 2013 candidates for Youth of the Year and join with them as they celebrate "Boys and Girls Clubs of Tennessee Youth of the Year Day" on March 27, 2013,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.